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Mr. Lemuel C. Stewart, Jr.
Chief Information Officer
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I write to endorse the PPEA proposal submitted by the Koll Development Company and its partner, EDS. This proposal includes the location of a data center for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Wise County.

The location of a data center in Wise County would be a great benefit for the Commonwealth and the citizens of Wise County. Wise County offers the Commonwealth with a safe and secure site, and brings much-needed well paying jobs to Southwest Virginia. As you know, one of the primary missions of the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, of which I co-chair, is to promote economic development in Southwest Virginia. The selection of Wise County as a data center site is 100 percent consistent with the Commission's mission and objective.

I understand that members of the Koll Development Company and EDS teams recently entered into an option agreement with the Wise County Industrial Development Authority to purchase several acres of land in the Lonesome Pine Regional Business and Technology Park. This state-of-the-art business and technology facility is specifically designed for a project of this type. Mountain Empire Community College and the University of Virginia's College at Wise also will significantly assist in training, retraining and other key components to provide a qualified workforce for this important project for the Commonwealth.

In closing, I strongly endorse the PPEA proposal submitted by Koll Development Company and EDS for the data center project.

Sincerely,

Terry G. Kilgore
Member, Virginia House of Delegates

cc: The Honorable Mark R. Warner, Governor